

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Solely in order to reduce the issues before the Board of Appeals and Interferences, claims 1-19 and 21-23 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuation or when the prosecution of the case is resumed.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner has stated the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) will be withdrawn if the Applicant makes an affirmative statement on the record regarding claimed features that were not presented by the Applicant in any component of the presentation made on March 26, 1998 (Final Office Action, page 9).

The Applicant has already made an affirmative statement for the record. In the Amendment dated March 20, 2003, it was noted that the features that were not disclosed by the Applicant in any component of the presentation made on March 26, 1998 include: inputting a formal specification into a code generator, parsing the formal specification, generating a front-end debugger program portion from the formal specification, and generating a back-end debugger program portion from the formal specification in the context of the invention (see, page 3-4). It was also respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw this rejection. The Examiner, however, has maintained this rejection despite the affirmative statements made by the Applicant.

Nevertheless, it is further submitted for the record that the presentation made on March 26, 1998 did not disclose, among other things, automatically generating both the front-end and back-end components of a debugging system based on the same formal specification. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims of all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in order to further simplify the issues before the Board of Appeals and Interferences.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to

Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SUN1P252). Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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